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Fact Check: Council Will Consider Two E-Verify Options



In one media report today, it was erroneously indicated that City Council had voted to repeal Springfield's voter-approved E-Verify ordinance at the Nov. 19 Council meeting. That is incorrect.

A motion was made to consider repeal at the Nov. 19 City Council meeting, when a court-ordered cleanup bill was brought before Council. That bill essentially stripped out illegal language in the voter-approved ordinance.

The media report also inferred the E-Verify ordinance was already currently in effect. That is also incorrect.

Fact: The E-Verify ordinance was never enforced because a judge had put a stay on the on it in May 2012 when four local plaintiffs filed suit against the City.

Fact: An agreement following the lawsuit in September 2012 against the City essentially invalidated the ordinance anyway.

City Council will vote Dec. 17 whether or not to repeal the ordinance per Burlison's amendment, or adopt a substitute cleanup bill.

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